

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no ☒

Property Name: Buck Park Inventory Number: SM-480
Address: 22073 Chancellors Run Road City: Great Mills Zip Code: 20634
County: Saint Marys USGS Topographic Map: Solomons Island
Owner: Bienvenido & Carole Jessee Negron Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: 536 Tax Map Number: 43 Tax Account ID Number: 107017
Project: MD 237 from MD 235 to Pegg Road Agency: State Highway Administration
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Buck House is a 2 1/2 story cross gable house with a full length front porch. The house was constructed between 1909 and 1919 and was originally situated on 100 acres of farmland. The integrity of the setting has been severely compromised as the house currently sits on less than one acre of land and is surrounded by new housing development. Additionally, there have been several alterations to the house, such as the application of siding, addition of window shutters, and the removal of the screened-in porch. This common vernacular house type is considered not eligible for the National Register as there are more outstanding extent examples of this type of farmhouse

Prepared by: Becky Kermes Date Prepared: 10/10/2002

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

1/24/03
Date

B. Kermes
Reviewer, NR Program

2/27/03
Date

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SM-480
BUCK PARK

Solomons Island
USGS Quad

St. Mary's Co., MD





SM-100

Buck Park

Sept 1, 2002

Becky Kermes, Photographer

Sept 2002

Negatives @ 1/100 ISO

Front, Back, & Side of horse (facing east) on MD

(1 of 2)



SM-480

Buck Park

St. Mary's MD

B. Kermes, photographer

Spring 2002

Negatives lost -

Front facade of Buck Park - house faces
east on MD 237.

(2 of 2)

Capsule Summary
SM-480
Buck Park
Great Mills vicinity
Private

Circa 1910

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SM-480, Buck Park
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial - Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: none

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-480

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Buck Park

2. Location

street & number CHancellors Run Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Great Mills ☒ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Randall E. and Beverley Nagel

street & number 621 Chancellor's Run Road telephone no.:

city, town Great Mills state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber EWA 610

street & number folio 320

city, town Leonardtown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM-480

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 2

Buck Park is located on the west side of Chancellors Run Road near Great Mills in St. Mary's County, Maryland. Formerly the centerpiece of a large farm, the house is now surrounded by a modern subdivision. One outbuilding stands on the property. The house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1910, Buck Park is a two-story, frame house with a center hall, double-pile plan. It is supported by a brick pier foundation. The house is sheathed with composite shingle siding and roofed with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) elevation has a screened porch that extends across the full width of the first floor. The porch is supported by cement blocks. It is capped by a hipped roof that is supported by turned posts. The porch has a wood floor and a wainscoted ceiling. The exterior wall of the house is sheathed with diagonal wainscoting. The house is pierced by a central, partially glazed entrance door with single-light sidelights. It is flanked on either side by a two-over-two sash window with wide surrounds. The second floor is pierced by three two-over-two sash windows with wide surrounds. A large central cross gable breaks the roofline of this main elevation. The gable is pierced by a small window with a semi-circular hood. An interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap pierces the roof ridgeline at either end of the roof.

The south elevation is pierced by two two-over-two sash windows with wide surrounds on both the first and second floors. The eave is pierced by two full-size two-over-two sash windows as well and is finished with cornice returns. A smaller, multi-pane, rectangular window is located in the apex of the eave. The partial basement is accessible from this side of the house behind a pair of double doors which rest on the ground. A one-story addition supported by a continuous brick foundation and capped by a flat roof extends to the rear of the house. This wing is pierced by a four-light-over-three-panel door.

The west elevation of the one-story addition is pierced by a series of three pairs of two six-over-one sash windows and one two-over-two sash window with wide surrounds. The second floor of the house is pierced by three two-over-two sash windows. The roofline is broken by a cross gable which is pierced by a small window with a semi-circular hood.

The north elevation is pierced by two two-over-two sash windows with wide surrounds on both the first and second floors. The eave is pierced by two full-size two-over-two sash windows as well and is finished with cornice returns. A smaller, multi-pane, rectangular window is located in the apex of the eave.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-480

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ☐ None Builder/Architect ☐ Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-480

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .4938 acresQuadrangle name Solomons IslandQuadrangle scale 1: 24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached plat.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's County DPZdate February 1995

street & number

telephone 301-475-4662city or town Leonardtwnstate MD 20650

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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St. Mary's County
7.1 Description

The interior consists of a central hall with an open string stair. The stair case is paneled and has turned balusters and a square newel post surmounted by a pendant. The walls of the hall are also paneled from the floor to the molded chair rail. There are no mantels in the house as the rooms were heated by stoves. The interior doors consists of four-panel and two-panel doors with plain surrounds and a heavily molded cornice.

The only outbuilding on the property is a meathouse located in the northwest corner of the lot. The meathouse, now used for storage is sheathed with weatherboards and roofed with asphalt shingles.

SM-480, Buck Park
St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Randall E. Nagel and Beverly Nagel
FROM: Quality Built Homes, Inc.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EWA 610, folio 320.
DATE: July 29, 1991.
NOTES: Transfer of Lot 74 of Heard's Estates, see plat MRB 34/62.

TO: Quality Built Homes, Inc.
FROM: Agnes Pearl Heard, surviving tenant.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 539, folio 440.
DATE: May 31, 1990.
NOTES: Transfer of 39.2243 acres, being all the residue of the first parcel in CBG 28/374.

TO: Joseph M. Heard and Agnes Pearl Heard
FROM: John Abell M. Armsworthy, widower.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 28, folio 374.
DATE: January 16, 1951.
NOTES: Transfer of Parcel 1 being 40 acres. Parcel 2 is 60 acres of woodland.

TO: John Abell M. Armsworthy
FROM: Lewis T. Clarke
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 19, folio 5.
DATE: January 6, 1920.
NOTES: Transfer of Parcel 1 being "Buck Park" and 40 acres. Parcel 2 is 60 acres of woodland. Price: \$7400

TO: Lewis T. Clarke
FROM: J. Frank Combs and Blonnie Combs
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 8, folio 393.
DATE: April 26, 1910.
NOTES: Transfer of two parcels. Parcel 1 being 40 acres of Buck Park. Price: \$750.

TO: J. Frank Combs
FROM: Benjamin J. Shermantine, widower, Ann O. Wiley, Fred S. Wiley, Lucy L. Shermantine, Agnes M. Oberry, Alexander Oberry, heirs of Elizabeth E. Shermantine, deceased.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 7, folio 405.
DATE: January 30, 1909.
NOTES: Transfer of "Buck Park" being 373 1/2 acres, the same of which Elizabeth E. Shermantine, wife of Benjamin J., died possessed. Price: \$3500

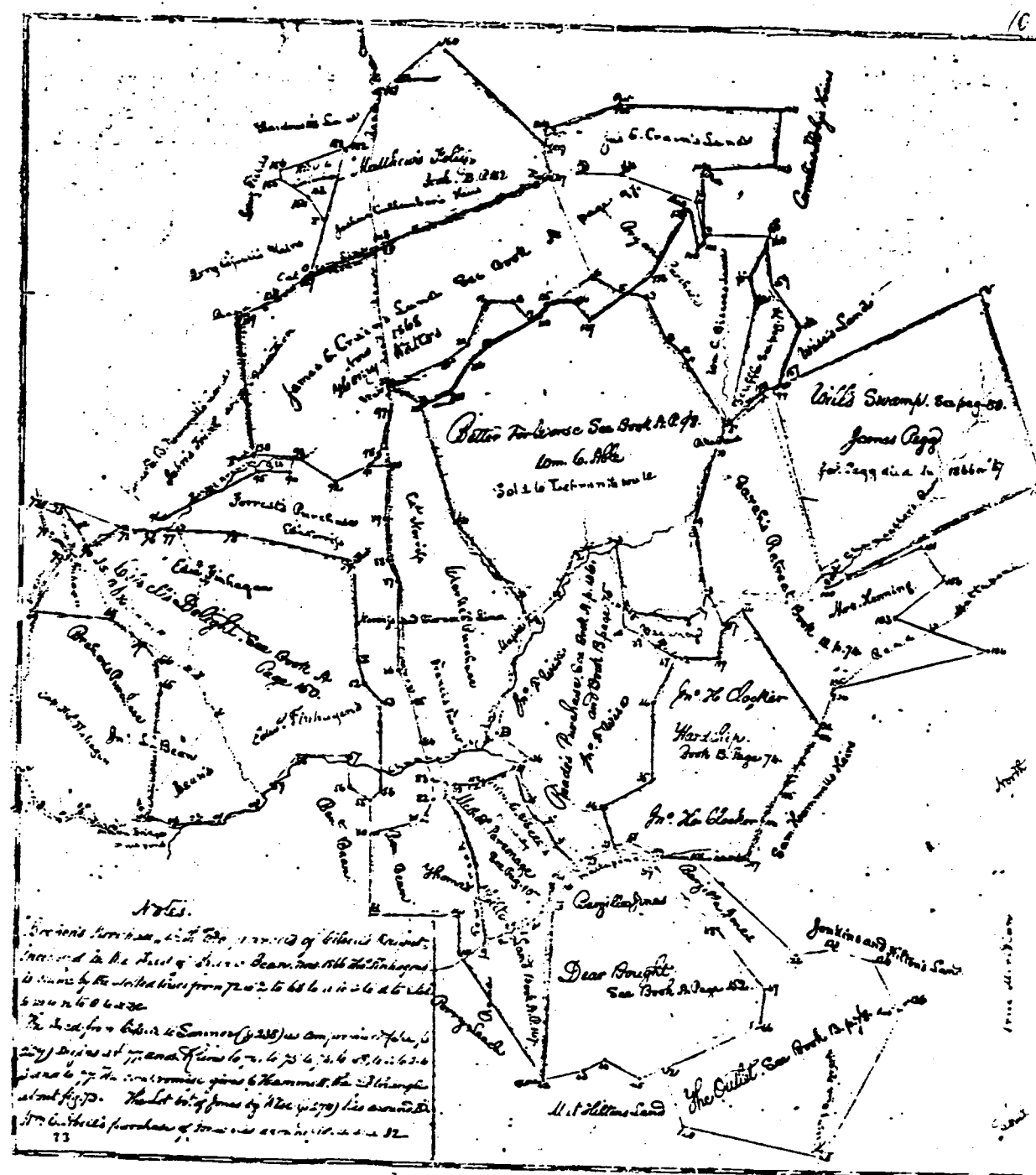
SM-480, Buck Park
St. Mary's County
8.2 Significance

TO: Elizabeth E. Shermantine
FROM: George W. Fish
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JFF 13, folio 121.
DATE: November 18, 1891.
NOTES: Transfer of 373 1/2 acres of "Buck Park." Price: \$2000

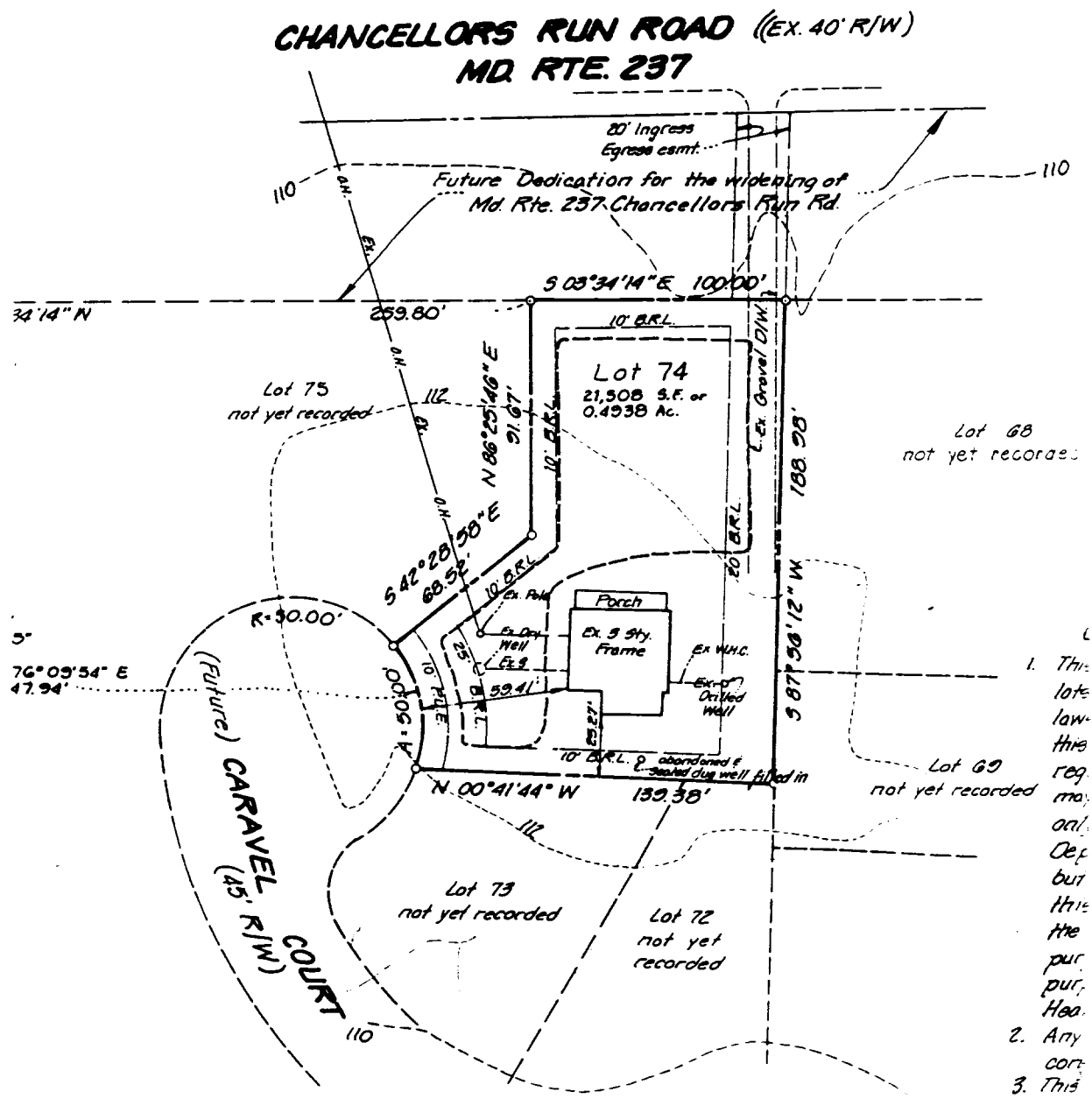
TO: George W. Fish
FROM: Henry Watts
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 4, folio 110.
DATE: October 23, 1869.
NOTES: Transfer of 391 acres of "Buck Park" the same of which James E. Crane died possessed and which was sold and Watts purchased at a Trustees sale.

TO: Henry Watts
FROM: J. Parran Crane, Trustee.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 3, folio 387.
DATE: March 23, 1869.
NOTES: Sale of property as a result of decree in Circuit Court dated June 22, 1862 in the case John J. Allston vs. Sarah A. Crane et al. James E. Crane died intestate in 1861, leaving as heirs his widow Sarah A. Crane, William S. Crane, and James P. Crane. William Watts was appointed Trustee to sell James E. Crane's land and sold the same to Henry Watts. William Watts died prior to the issuance of a deed so J. Parran Crane was appointed to issue a deed to Henry Watts for 391 acres of Buck Park. (See Decree Record WTM 1/393)

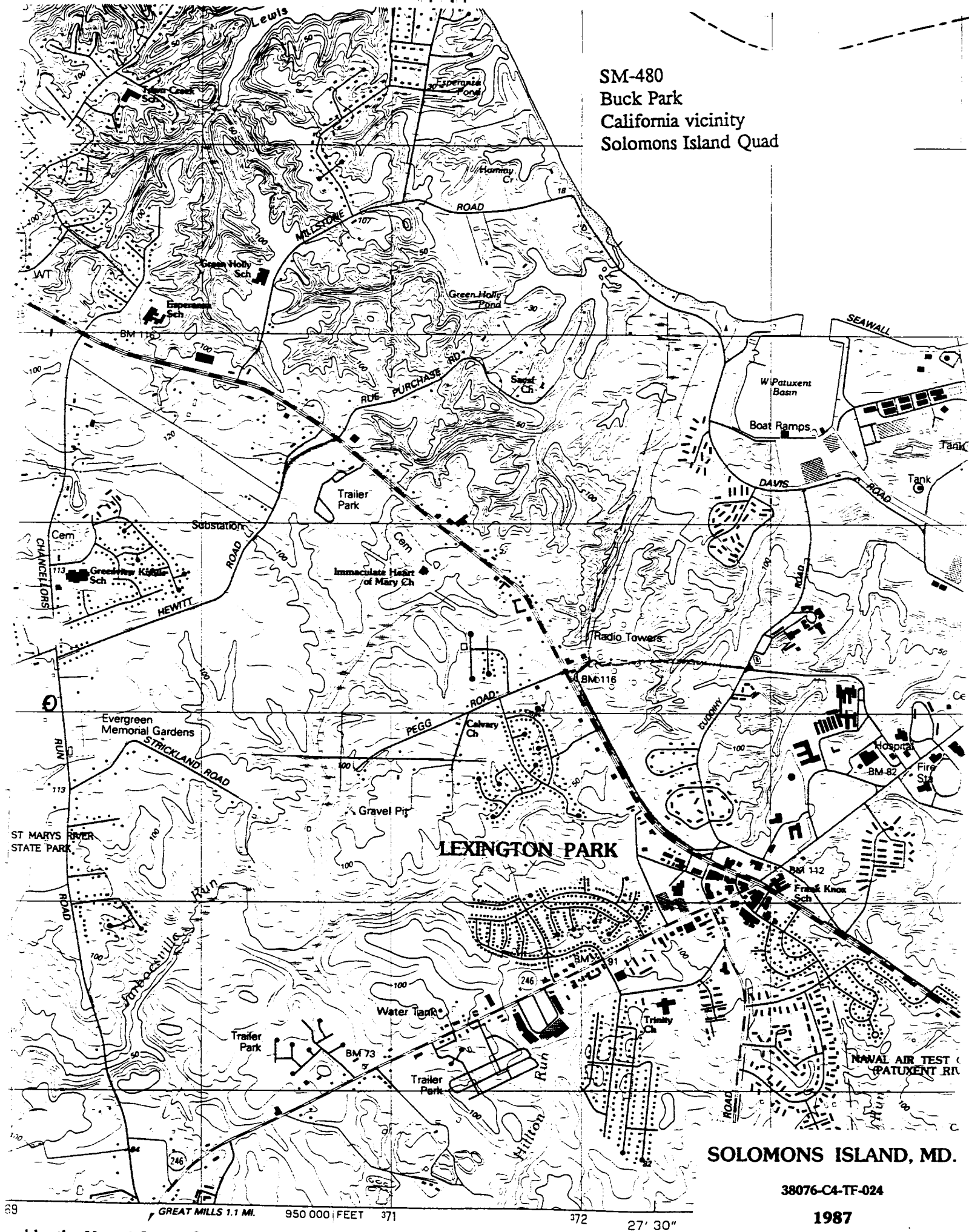
Plat in Benjamin Tippet's Survey Log Book B showing James E. Crane's land around 1870. This is "Buck Park."



Plat of house lot located at St. Mary's County Land Records, MRB 3462



SM-480
Buck Park
California vicinity
Solomons Island Quad



SOLOMONS ISLAND, MD.

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Buck Park

St. Mary's County, MD

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January 1995

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